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IN MEMORIAM.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE IN CENTRAL HALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON BY THE ELKS.

A Large Audience Present and Much Interest Manifested in the Exercises—An Appropriate Programme Carried Out—Samuel J. MacDonald Delivered an Eloquent Address.

Central Hall was filled Sunday afternoon by a large and interested audience of men and women who were deeply impressed with the solemn and beautiful ceremonial attached to the memorial service held under the auspices of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 778, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The hall was tastefully decorated with emblems of loyalty, love and sorrow. The officers of the lodge occupied seats on the platform. Exalted Ruler Dr. J. C. Salle presided. Appropriate souvenir programmes of the order of exercises were distributed. The services opened with a piano selection by Benjamin Lowenthal. Miss Lillian Bender rendered a violin solo, and Miss Edith Louise Pratt, soprano, sang a solo and D. N. Maxon sang a baritone solo and hymnal selections were sung by the Metropolitan Quartette. The chaplain of the lodge, Rev. E. A. White, offered the opening prayer and made a brief address. The memorial oration was delivered by Samuel J. MacDonald and was an eloquent, effective and impressive discourse, and was highly praised by all who heard it. Bloomfield Lodge is one of the younger and smaller lodges in the extensive Order of Elks, but the members of it can rest assured that no lodge of its class in age and numbers excelled it in the memorial service. The Committee of Arrangements, consisting of John F. Dillon, Samuel J. MacDonald, Noah Hampson, Zebulon G. Wood and Wm. Ailworth, deserve much credit for the excellent manner in which the programme was carried out.

Mr. MacDonald's address was in part as follows: "We have assembled here this afternoon—that is, those who are Elks—in obedience to an imperative mandate of our noble order. Every lodge of Elks is strictly required by the fundamental law of our great and wise institution to hold, without failure or neglect, on the first Sunday in December in every year, a memorial service—a memorial of those who have been with us and who have been called away; a memorial of our absent brothers—absent, but not forgotten; a memorial of the dearly beloved order which binds us so closely and fraternally; of the countless and inestimable benefits which our beneficent order confers upon us; of the debt and of the duties which we owe to it; of our fraternal ties; of the obligations of good-fellowship, justice, charity and brotherly love which we owe to each other.

"All over this land, in obedience to the same imperative mandate, there are assembled to-day nearly 900 lodges of Elks to observe this memorial day with us. The hearts of almost 200,000 Elks, and of countless thousands more of their families and friends, beat to-day in unison with ours.

"But although this is, as I have said, an imperative mandate which requires us and all Elks thus to assemble each year in this memorial service, yet we do not come here as if under compulsion, 'like the galley slave scourged to his dungeon;' we do not come unwillingly, with reluctant feet, like 'the whining school boy, creeping like a snail unwillingly to school;' we do not come merely because the laws of our order require us so to do; nor do we come perfunctorily to conform to the letter of the law while its spirit is forgotten or disregarded. We come gladly and cheerfully. We come, not so much impelled by a spirit of obedience to the laws of our order—although we yield to them a ready, joyous and ungrudging obedience—as we come animated and inspired by the same warm and glowing feelings of fraternity as those which prompted the writing of this wise edict in our laws. We come here, in a word, not because we must, but because we may.

"The Elk does not expect every human being to be an ascetic or a saint; nor does he condemn any one harshly because he may fall short even of his own ideals; but he has no patience with Phariseism—that narrow and illiberal spirit which seeks to eclipse from its less smug and self-satisfied brethren the sun of God's love by the poor, pale, pitiful moon of its own transparent pretensions. One of the things that the Elk loves is social intercourse with his fellow-men; and he is frank and open both in his dislikes and in his love. He makes no secret and no shame of his enjoyment. In his realm it is not a crime to be gay; but, on the contrary, it is a high misdemeanor to be morose, and it is a capital offence—a treason both to humanity and to God—to take no interest in your fellow-men.

"There is a time for rejoicing and there is also a time to mourn. And

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A Financial Success.

A supper and entertainment under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society and Epworth League was given in the chapel of the Watsessing M. E. Church Tuesday evening, December 8. A large number were present to enjoy the excellent spread which had been provided and many compliments were paid the ladies in charge for the appearance of the tables and the quality of the supper. The entertainment was more than usually interesting and consisted of musical selections, readings and dialogue. Mr. Elvin Blight, basso, sang with his usual efficiency and was recalled, as was Mr. James Henderson, tenor, a new member of the Watsessing Church, who made his first appearance here upon the platform as a soloist, and proved himself to be well worthy of the occasion. The male quartette also rendered two selections, and Messrs. Handley, Travis and Monahan delighted the audience with selections upon stringed instruments. Mrs. Albert Ellor read two selections admirably and then Mr W. H. Rigler, Miss Law and Master S. Pollit took part in a funny dialogue entitled "Mrs. Buttermilk and her son taking a trip." This was very well received indeed and brought to a close one of the best entertainments held in a long time. The affair was also a financial success.

Knights of Pythias.

Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias, celebrated the annual roll-call in Central Hall last Tuesday evening, when a large number of members were present from out of town to answer to their names, among the number being three charter members. During the past year two members of the lodge died, one of them being Past Chancellor John Jenkins, a charter member and a most active worker in the lodge until five years ago, when he was stricken with paralysis, and was an invalid until last January, when he passed away. Also Past Chancellor Wm. Baldwin of St. Chrysostom Lodge, Newark, who instituted Eureka Lodge, died in March. They were both missed at the gathering.

During the evening remarks were made by Supreme Representative Wm. E. Hitchcock of Newark, also by Grand Vice Chancellor John W. Laws, who spoke on the growth of the order in New Jersey, and of the severe illness of our Grand Chancellor, P. Frank Shanley, who was unable to be present. Remarks were also made by D. G. C. John J. Main of Newark and D. G. C. Arthur T. Allen and several others. The outlook for the future is very encouraging. Chancellor Commander Wm. R. Raab, who is a very active young man both in the lodge and the town's affairs, announced that a valuable prize will be offered to the member bringing the most new members before July 1, 1904.

A very pleasant evening was spent by all. Refreshments were served and each one was encouraged to come again. The members of the order will receive a hearty welcome at Eureka Lodge every Tuesday evening.

Firemen's Smoker.

A firemen's smoker was held in Raab's Hall Wednesday night under the auspices of the Bloomfield Exempt Firemen's Association, and notwithstanding the storm there was a good attendance of former and present members of the fire department. John F. Dillon furnished the entertainment and produced some excellent talent. Frank Sherman, Mr. Dillon's son, highly pleased the audience with his humorous work and evoked great applause. Professor Hendrickson did some feats in magic and gave a shadowgraph performance that was very pleasing. Among the guests weres Councilmen George Peterson, W. Douglas Moore, John R. Conlan and W. F. Harrison, former Assemblyman Charles W. Powers, George B. Tucker, T. Howell Johnson and David P. Lyall, all of this town, and a delegation of Belleville firemen headed by J. J. Deighan and P. W. McCoy. Refreshments were served in great abundance and a large amount of provisions left over was donated to the poor department of the town. The committee of arrangements consisted of Wm. U. Oakes, Charles H. Johnson, Wm. R. Raab and Wm. A. Murath.

Endowment Rank Election.

The annual meeting of the Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias was held Tuesday night. The following officers were elected: President, George W. Way; Vice-President, George W. Crisp; Secretary and Treasurer, Eli Harris; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. S. Wolfe. The Secretary's report showed a decided improvement in Endowment Rank affairs.

Disorderly Pool-Rooms.

Reports have been made to the Police Department from time to time of fights and brawls in one of the pool-rooms of this town frequented by boys and youths. Some of these fights have nearly developed a tragedy. The proprietors of such places must run them orderly, or they will be raided by the police and heavy fines imposed.

A LOCAL PROTEST.

The Protest Against the Locating of the County Isolation Hospital in the Soho District of Belleville was Extended to This Town as Indicated in the Following Petition Read at the Town Council Meeting Monday Night.

"We, the undersigned, do hereby petition the Town Councilmen of Bloomfield who are interested in the welfare of the people of the town to ask their Freeholders not to erect the County Isolation Hospital on the proposed property in Belleville, as it is nearly surrounded by bog and low marshy ground and a heavy fog lying all over the ground continually, and furthermore, it cannot be drained without an enormous expense to the county. There is no sewerage system in the town of Belleville and there is no way to get sewer connections for the proposed building, and this would mean death to any fever cases that might be taken there, as it is well-known that all fever diseases need high and dry air." Signed: Frank Zeidler, Frank DeMoyne, H. E. Denrush, Matthew Gersch, M. J. Manley, Edmund Bohr, F. M. Davis, George S. Fornoff, Edward G. Ward, William D. Spinning, W. E. E. Spinning, William Sweet, Lyman De Hart, Wright L. Gilbert, Charles Greiselhaber, A. S. Terhune, Thomas W. Smith, Henry P. Dodd, and Thomas Oakes.

Dr. Harrison made a motion that the request cited in the petition be complied with, and the clerk be instructed to notify Director Thomas McGowan of the Board of Freeholders that it was the sense of the Council that he use his official influence in behalf of the petitioners. Dr. Harrison's motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

A special meeting of the Belleville Township Committee was held Friday night to hear the opinion of Counsel Perry in regard to the rights of the township in the matter of locating the proposed County Isolation Hospital in the neighborhood of Soho Park. The citizens of that section had protested against the project and asked the committee to take steps to prevent the erection of the building.

Mr. Perry suggested that those opposed to the building get together and employ counsel if they deemed it advisable and take what action seemed best for themselves and the township. A citizen, in addressing the committee, pointed out that the county could not build in the township, as there would be no sewage outlet for the hospital, as the law demands.

Chairman Breen said the citizens should get together and fight the project. Belleville, he said, had been promised a share in the park system, but never got it. Instead, they got an isolation hospital.

Fire Commissioner Hull characterized the hospital project as an outrageous proceeding on the part of Newark indirectly. Newark, he said, had for a long time been trying to find a site for a hospital, and, after being driven from place to place, finally had this law passed.

"Sewage from other towns is being dumped at our doors," he said, "and now Newark proposes to put an isolation hospital in our midst."

Property values throughout the town, he said, would be depreciated.

Charles Metzer submitted a letter from the Soho Park and Improvement Company, which wanted the particulars of the project, so as to know the best means of participating in the protest.

Mr. Perry was authorized to engage additional counsel if necessary to fight the matter.

Sister Genovefa's Funeral.

A largely attended and impressive funeral service took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart Saturday morning, when a solemn high mass of requiem was sung over the body of Sister Genovefa, of the order of Sisters of Charity, and connected with the Bloomfield mission as a teacher in the parochial school. Seventy-two Sisters of Charity followed the remains from the sisters house to the church, and passed between a double line of school children.

Sister Genovefa was much beloved by the church people and school children, and all were much effected during the delivery of the eulogy of the deceased sister by Father Nardiello.

Jarred Off Car Platform.

Carl Johnson, aged forty, of 74 Race street, fell from a westbound Bloomfield car at Bloomfield and Belleville avenues Sunday morning. He was standing on the rear platform when the car stopped suddenly and threw him to the pavement. He received a bad cut above the right eye, his right kneecap was dislocated and his body badly bruised. He was taken to a nearby drug store, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Boyle, and was then sent home in a cab.

Violin and piano instruction at pupil's home or teacher's residence. For terms address William J. Maier, No. 47 Fairmount avenue, Newark, N. J.—*Adv.*

AN EFFORT TO BOOM.

The Board of Trade Will Try an Advertising Scheme for the Benefit of the Town—The Aim is to Call Attention to the Town's Residential Attractions.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade on Thurday night the Press Committee submitted the following report:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Bloomfield Board of Trade:

At a meeting of the members of the Press Committee held last summer the opinion was very strongly expressed that it would be beneficial to the interests of Bloomfield to issue an illustrative pamphlet showing some of the town and describing its advantages as a place of residence. A verbal report of this was made at the next meeting of the Board, and your committee stated at that time that it stood ready to provide the material for such a pamphlet.

It would seem that if such a scheme is to be undertaken, now is the time to start the wheels in motion; for this advertising to be of value for the spring and summer harvest should be issued at least by February 1. You all remember the boy's definition of salt as "that which made your potatoes taste bad when you did not put any on." So advertising is that which makes your business bad when you do not do any of it. A wag once remarked that the man who did not advertise was like the man who kissed his girl in the dark—he knew what he was doing, but other people did not.

What Bloomfield wants to do is to let the outside world know where we are, and what we are doing. When the Chairman of the Suburban Homes Committee took to task the suburban passenger agent of the Erie Railroad for alloting to Bloomfield no more space in their book than was given to Soho Park, he was told that we were all dead up here. If that is the opinion of the outside world, it is high time that we did something to show them that we are still alive and that we have a locality for a suburban residence second to none in the neighborhood of New York.

Other towns have issued such descriptive pamphlets and have found them very valuable in advertising their localities. New Rochelle this past summer issued a most elaborate one which cost in the neighborhood of $2,000 or $2,500. Of course such an elaborate one would not be thought of for Bloomfield.

What your committee had thought suitable was one similar to that gotten out by Merrick, Long Island, say six by nine, of thirty-two pages, with about ten pages of descriptive matter and the balance with views of the town. Such a pamphlet, according to estimates secured, could be produced for $200 for 5,000 copies, and about $300 for 10,000 copies. Those having charge of the advertising of both the Erie and Lackawanna railroads would gladly put them into the hands of those looking for suburban homes, and our own citizens and real estate agents could place them to good advantage.

Of course the question of funds would naturally come in here. Such an amount is not available in our treasury, so that it would be necessary to raise the money from outside sources. It would seem that if the advantage to be gained were clearly placed before the citizens of Bloomfield there would be little difficulty in securing the amount needed.

As we said before, your committee will gladly furnish the material needed to make up such a booklet, and waits your further action in the matter.

Should it be decided to issue such a booklet your committee would suggest that all citizens who have plots suitable for building upon, or who have houses for sale or to rent, be requested to send particulars, giving location and asking price, either to the Board of Trade or to the local real estate agents. Respectfully submitted. PRESS COMMITTEE.

The above report was adopted by the Board of Trade and the Press Committee was authorized to proceed with the work of having an illustrative pamphlet issued as soon as assurances of the necessary funds were evident. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary send a letter to the owners of unimproved property, informing them of the action taken by the Board toward advertising Bloomfield as a place of residence and requesting them to co-operate by sending to the Board a description of their properties with the asking price, the same to be open to any interested party.

President Sutphen urged all the members of the Board to take a personal interest in the project put forward by the Press Committee. He predicted that it would prove to the material benefit of the town.

Library Election.

The annual meeting of the members of the Watsessing Free Public Library Association was held Wednesday night, and the following officers were elected: President, Charles H. Halfpenny; Vice-President, Alfred H. Edgerly; Secretary, Henry Graff; Treasurer, Isaac Derby.

Plead Guilty.

Georgianna Clark, a colored woman, who was arrested on a charge of stealing a pocketbook from Mrs. Owen Pathe at the Glenwood avenue station on Sunday evening about two weeks ago, was tried before Judge Skinner on Thursday and found guilty. The robbery, which was a bold one, created a sensation at the time, and when the Clark woman was arrested on suspicion a few days after, she stoutly denied her guilt.

The night of the robbery Mr. and Mrs. Pathe were on their way home from New York city, and got off the train at the Glenwood avenue station. Two colored women also got off the train and pretended to have lost their way, and were making inquiries from Mrs. Pathe about the names of the station, and while she was directing them she (Mrs. Pathe) held her pocketbook in her hand. The smaller of the two colored women snatched her pocketbook and they both ran in different directions. Mrs. Pathe pursued one of them along Glenwood avenue and Mr. Pathe followed the other toward Washington street, but both women escaped. The police subsequently got trace of them, and the Clark woman was arrested at a ball in Orange on the Wednesday night following. The name of the other woman is known to the police, and she will be taken into custody on the first opportunity.

Basket-Ball.

A victory for each team was the result recorded after the basket-ball games played between the Bloomfield Catholic Club fives and the St. Michael fives at Harmonia Hall, Newark, Tuesday night. It was due to their clever blocking and passing that the St. Michael's won the senior game, which resulted in a score of 45 to 7. The visiting juniors carried home the honors of their game, the tally card reading 16 to 12.

A big score was run up by the home seniors in the first period of the game, while the visitors remained almost at zero. Barrett of the St. Michael's, managed to toss the ball through the net work first for his team. Then, as usual, McCabe came sweeping up the line for two baskets. Between Barrett, McCabe and McCloskey the St. Michael's managed to make the score 24 to 3 in the first half.

It looked in the second period as if the home team would double their score and they would probably have done so had there been a few more minutes to play. The visitors played fast, but it was due to their depending solely on individual playing that they met defeat. The home team scored 21 more points and the visitors 4. The line-up:

St. Michael's.		Bloomfield.
Gillen	right forward	McGinley
Barrett	left forward	Cavanaugh
McCabe	centre	J. Maxfield
McLaughlin	right guard	Johnson
McCloskey	left guard	J. McGonnell

The junior contest in the first period was one-sided, St Michael's scoring 8 points and the Bloomfield team none. The visitors warmed up a little in the second period and won the game by 4 points. The line-up was:

St. Michael Jr.		Bloomfield Jr.
Mulroy	right forward	O'Neil
Brown	left forward	Finn
McKeon	centre	Costigan
O'Brien	right guard	Durning
Moore	left guard	Sweeney

Toney's Brook Embankment.

The following letter read by the Town Clerk at the Council meeting Monday night shows that the Lackawanna Railroad Company intends to repair the broken embankment of Toney's Brook:

Mr. W. L. Johnson, Town Clerk of Bloomfield.

DEAR SIR: I have arranged with our roadway department to do the masonry work along the creek north of the Bloomfield station in accordance with your request of November 30. Yours truly,

L. BUSH, Chief Engineer.

Councilman Conlan stated to the Council that the seeming delay on the part of the railroad company in attending to this matter was due to the fact that the former communication from the Council relative to the matter did not reach the Chief Engineer until very recently. On the occasion of the recent snowstorm fears that a sudden melting of the snow would cause a freshet, the Council again urged the railroad company to take immediate action.

Mrs. Maggaret Dawkins.

Mrs. Margaret Dawkins, widow of the late Rev. Charles Carroll Dawkins, formerly of this town, died at her home in Princeton shortly before 7 o'clock Wednesday night, after an illness of several weeks with a complication of diseases. Mrs. Dawkins, who was Miss Hance, a sister of John Hance of Bloomsbury, Hunterdon county, was well known here, where she resided for many years. She is survived by one son, Charles Dawkins, who is a student at Princeton University.

Nearly One Hundred.

Miss Jacobus of the Job Haines Home for Aged People will celebrate the ninety-eighth anniversary of her birthday next Tuesday. The old lady still enjoys fair health, and gives promise of reaching the century mark.

$90,000 OFFERED

BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO THE ORANGE WATER COMPANY

For the Company's Plant in this Town—The Council Indicates an Intention to Carry Out the Central Hall Resolutions—A Strong Plea for Municipal Ownership.

The water supply question was a subject of discussion at the Town Council meeting Monday night. The following letter from President Shepherd of the water company to the Council was read by the Clerk:

To the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield:

GENTLEMEN: Having received the reply to our letter of the 8th of October, except the public information that the vote of the meeting on the 10th of November was against the proposition to purchase, we will for the present fix the water rates the same as now paid in Montclair, which are for public use as follows: Hydrants, $26 per annum, payable quarterly, and for other public uses a sum equal to the annual taxes on the franchise and real and personal property of the company, payable December 15, with the usual restrictions about waste and the quantity for the supply for the sewer tanks.

Kindly inform us if the Council will make payments on the above basis.

THE ORANGE WATER COMPANY,
By Frederick M. Shepherd, President.

East Orange, November 23, 1903.

The following communication from the citizen members of the Committee of Fifteen to the Council was read:

"The citizen members of the Committee of Fifteen would respectfully advise the Town Council that in their opinion the offer of $90,000 heretofore made to the Orange Water Company for its plant in this town, and rejected by it, should not be renewed. We would recommend a renewal of the water contract on reasonable terms."

Both communications were ordered filed. Councilman Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee, offered a motion that the Council tender an offer of $90,000 to the Orange Water Company for its plant in accordance with the resolution adopted at the public meeting in Central Hall on October 29.

Councilman Moore amended Dr. Harrison's motion to include the transmission to the water company of the offer of $90,000; also that part of the public meeting resolution advising the Town Council that unless the offer of $90,000 was accepted within ten days, the Council was to go ahead and take steps for the construction of a new plant.

Councilman Walker was the only member of the Council that opposed the motion, and it was adopted as amended.

Mr. Walker, in his opposing speech, said that it was his firm belief that the people did not want any more bonds issued at present for any purpose whatever.

Dr. Harrison was of the opinion that the people were in favor of municipal ownership of the mains. He cited the case of the meeting in the Watsessing School house, where some of the speakers declared that they favored municipal ownership and their only reason for voting in the negative at the special election was on the question of price.

Councilman Moore severely attacked the communication from the citizen members of the Committee of Fifteen, and pronounced it a case of "turning turtle." Mr. Moore called particular attention to the fact that the letter was unsigned. Six members of the Council, Mr. Moore said, were committed over their own signatures to municipal ownership. The Committee of Fifteen, by resolution, advised the submission of municipal ownership to the people, and the people at the public meeting adopted the policy by a decided vote. Mr. Moore laid great stress on the fact that in order to control the source of supply the town must own the water mains. He spoke of the great danger from epidemics of sickness if Passaic river water is used. Speaking on the offer of the Orange Water Company to make a new contract, Mr. Moore said that the proposition was silent on two important points, namely, the price to private consumers and the source of supply. It was not reasonable to suppose, Mr. Moore said, that a company that, according to its own statement, had lost $10,000 per annum in supplying this town with water, could afford to make a reduction of $4 per hydrant without expectation of making it up in some other direction. Mr. Moore made a strong plea in favor of municipal ownership of the water mains.

Nutley Single-Taxers.

The next meeting of the Nutley Single-Tax Club will be held in Connelly Hall on Thursday evening, December 17. Mr. A. C. Floydell of Philadelphia will address the meeting, which fact insures a profitable occasion to those whose interest leads them to attend.

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